

# FINAL PROJECT REPORT

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## FEM ANALYSIS OF CIRCULAR THIN PLATE

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### **Problem description:**

Finite element static analysis of a simply supported, uniformly loaded, isotropic, thin, circular plate using annular elements.

### **Assumptions:**

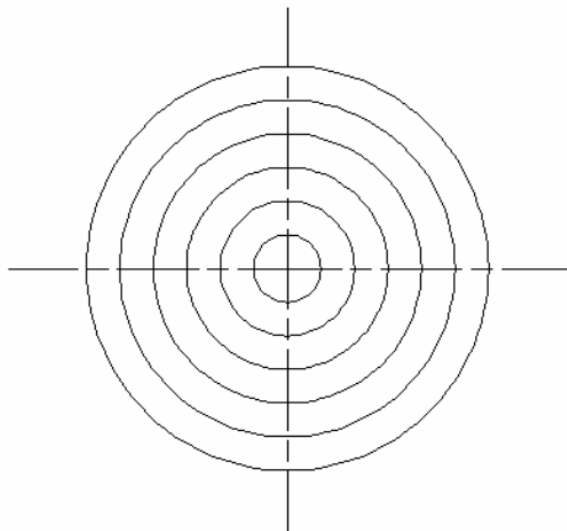
If deflections ( $w$ ) of a plate are small in comparison to its thickness  $t$ , a very satisfactory approximate theory of bending of the plate by lateral loads can be developed by making the following assumptions:

- There is no deformation in the middle plane of the plate. This plane remains neutral during bending.
- Points of the plate lying initially on a normal-to the middle plane of the plate remain on the normal to the middle surface of the plate after bending.
- The normal stresses in the direction transverse to the plate can be disregarded.

### **Linear Analysis Assumptions:**

- Infinitesimally small displacements
- Linearly elastic material
- No gaps or overlaps occurring during deformations – the displacement field is smooth

### **Element type:**



Due to axial symmetry, the structure can be discretized into a number of concentric divisions. The bounding circumferential lines constitute a set of finite element nodal lines being an extension of the concept of nodes. Due to axial

symmetry, the deflections along each of the nodal lines are constant. Each annular finite element has 2 nodes and each node has 2 degrees of freedom.

### **Governing Equation:**

The governing equation of a thin plate subjected to axisymmetric load can be expressed as

$$D\nabla^2\nabla^2w - 2\tau_0\nabla^2w + q(r) = -(\rho h + 2\rho_0)\ddot{w} + \left(\frac{\rho h^3}{12} + \frac{\rho_0 h^2}{2} - \frac{\rho_0 \tau_0 v h^2}{6(1-\nu)}\right) \nabla^2\ddot{w}$$

Where,

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} + \frac{(2\mu_0 + \lambda_0)h^2}{2} - \frac{\tau_0 v h^2}{6(1-\nu)}$$

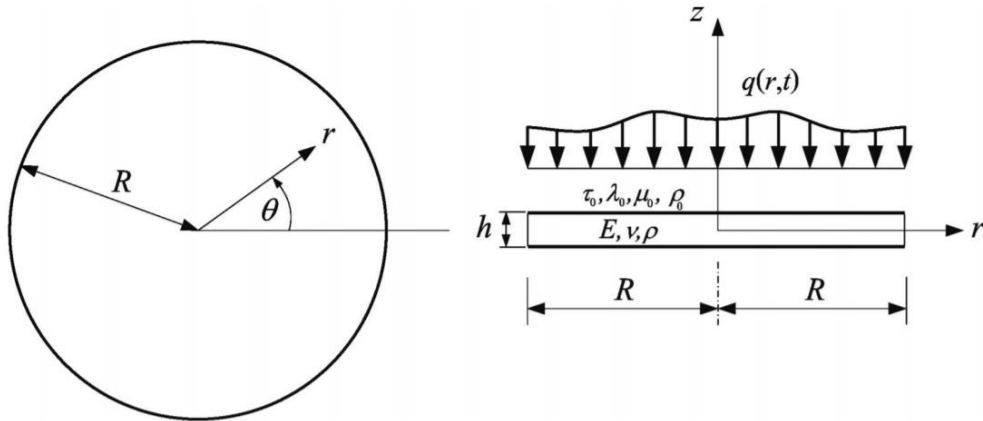
w = plate deflection; h = plate thickness;

$\mu_0$  and  $\lambda_0$  are surface lame constants

E and  $\nu$  = Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio of bulk material, respectively;

$\tau_0$  = surface residual stress;

$\rho$  and  $\rho_0$  = mass densities of the bulk and surface, respectively



For static loading,

$$D\nabla^2\nabla^2w - 2\tau_0\nabla^2w + q(r) = 0$$

Assuming there are no surface residual stresses we get,

$$D\nabla^2\nabla^2w + q(r) = 0$$

$$\sigma_{rr} = -\frac{Ez}{1-\nu^2} \left( \frac{d^2w}{dr^2} + \frac{\nu}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = -\frac{Ez}{1-\nu^2} \left( \nu \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)$$

Applying Galerkin's weighted-residual method,

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \bar{w} (D \nabla^2 \nabla^2 w + q(r)) dV &= 0 \\ \int_0^R \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \int_0^{2\pi} \bar{w} (D \nabla^2 \nabla^2 w + q(r)) r d\theta dz dr &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^R \bar{w} 2\pi h (D \nabla^2 \nabla^2 w + q(r)) r dr &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^R \bar{w} 2\pi (D \nabla^2 \nabla^2 w + q(r)) r dr &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^R 2\pi D (\bar{w} \nabla^2 \nabla^2 w) r dr + \int_0^R \bar{w} 2\pi q(r) r dr &= 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^R 2\pi D (\bar{w} \nabla^2 \nabla^2 w) r dr :$$

$$\nabla^2 \nabla^2 w = \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{dw}{dr} - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} + \frac{d^4 w}{dr^4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^R 2\pi D (\bar{w}) \left( \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{dw}{dr} - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} + \frac{d^4 w}{dr^4} \right) r dr \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^R 2\pi D (\bar{w}) \left( \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) r dr = 2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{\bar{w}}{r^2} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr \quad \dots\dots\dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^R 2\pi D (\bar{w}) \left( -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \right) r dr = -2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{\bar{w}}{r^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \right) r dr \\ \Rightarrow -2\pi D \left( \frac{\bar{w}}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R - \int_0^R \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} dr + \int_0^R \frac{\bar{w}}{r^2} \frac{dw}{dr} dr \right) \quad \dots\dots\dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^R 2\pi D (\bar{w}) \frac{2}{r} \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} r dr = \int_0^R 2\pi D (\bar{w}) 2 \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr \\ \Rightarrow 2\pi D \times 2 \int_0^R (\bar{w}) \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr \quad \dots\dots\dots (4) \\ \int_0^R 2\pi D (\bar{w}) \frac{d^4 w}{dr^4} r dr = 2\pi D \int_0^R (\bar{w} r) \frac{d^4 w}{dr^4} dr \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \left( \bar{w} r \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} \Big|_0^R - \int_0^R (\bar{w}) \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr - \int_0^R r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr \right)$$

$$2\pi D \left( \bar{w} r \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} \Big|_0^R - \int_0^R (\bar{w}) \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr - r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R + \int_0^R \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr + \int_0^R r \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr \right) \dots (5)$$

(2) + (3):

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{\bar{w}}{r^2} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr - 2\pi D \left( \frac{\bar{w}}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R \right) + 2\pi D \int_0^R \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} dr - 2\pi D \int_0^R \frac{\bar{w}}{r^2} \frac{dw}{dr} dr$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \int_0^R \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} dr - 2\pi D \left( \frac{\bar{w}}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R \right) \dots (6)$$

(4) + (5):

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \left( \bar{w} r \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} \Big|_0^R - \int_0^R (\bar{w}) \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr - r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R + \int_0^R \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr + \int_0^R r \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr \right) + 2\pi D \times 2 \int_0^R (\bar{w}) \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \left( \int_0^R \bar{w} \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr + \bar{w} r \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} \Big|_0^R - r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R + \int_0^R \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr + \int_0^R r \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr \right)$$

$$\int_0^R \bar{w} \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} dr = \bar{w} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R - \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R + \int_0^R \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} dr$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \left( \bar{w} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R - \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R + \int_0^R \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} dr + \bar{w} r \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} \Big|_0^R - r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R + \int_0^R \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr + \int_0^R r \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr \right) \dots (7)$$

(6) + (7): (adding only integral terms)

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \left( \int_0^R \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} dr + \int_0^R \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr + \int_0^R r \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} dr + \int_0^R \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} dr \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} + \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} + \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \right) \right) r dr$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr + 2\pi D \int_0^R \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr + 2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) \dots (8)$$

**(6) + (7): (adding non-integral terms)**

$$\Rightarrow -2\pi D \left( \bar{w} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R + 2\pi D \left( \bar{w} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \right)_0^R - 2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R + 2\pi D \left( \bar{w} r \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} \right)_0^R - 2\pi D r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R$$

Adding and subtracting  $2\pi D v \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R$  we get,

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 2\pi D v \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R - 2\pi D v \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R - 2\pi D \left( \bar{w} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R \right) + 2\pi D \left( \bar{w} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R \right) - \\ &2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R \right) + 2\pi D \left( \bar{w} r \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} \Big|_0^R \right) - 2\pi D \left( r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R \right) \\ &\Rightarrow 2\pi D v \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R - 2\pi D v \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R - 2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R \right) - 2\pi D \left( r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \Big|_0^R \right) \\ &\Rightarrow -2\pi D r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} - \frac{v}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R - 2\pi D \bar{w} r \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{dw}{dr} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} - \frac{d^3 w}{dr^3} \right)_0^R - 2\pi D v \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R - \\ &2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow -2\pi D r \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} - \frac{v}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R - 2\pi D \bar{w} r \left( -\frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dw}{dr} \right) \right) \right)_0^R - 2\pi D v \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R - \\ &2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} [2\pi r M_r]_0^R - 2\pi \bar{w} r Q|_0^R - 2\pi D v \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \Big|_0^R - 2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R \dots\dots\dots (9)$$

**(8) + (9) :**

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr + 2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R + \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} [2\pi r M_r]_0^R - 2\pi \bar{w} r Q|_0^R \\ &- 2\pi D v \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R - 2\pi D \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr - 2\pi D v \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)_0^R + \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} [2\pi r M_r]_0^R - 2\pi \bar{w} r Q|_0^R \\ &\Rightarrow 2\pi D \int_0^R \left( \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr - 2\pi D v \int_0^R \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) dr + \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} [2\pi r M_r]_0^R \\ &- 2\pi \bar{w} r Q|_0^R \end{aligned}$$

Re-arranging and substituting terms in (1) we get weak form as,

$$\int_0^R 2\pi \left\{ D \left[ \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{v}{r} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} + \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right] \right\} r dr + \int_0^R 2\pi q \bar{w} r dr + \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} [2\pi r M_r]_0^R - 2\pi \bar{w} r Q|_0^R = 0$$

Where,

Plate bending moment  $M_r = -D \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} - \frac{v}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \right)$ ,

Shear force  $Q = -D \left[ \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} (r \frac{dw}{dr}) \right) \right]$

**Weak form and boundary conditions from the above equation:**

$$\int_0^R 2\pi \left\{ D \left[ \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{v}{r} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} + \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right] + 2\pi q \bar{w} \right\} r dr = 0$$

$$2\pi \bar{w} r Q|_0^R = 0, \quad \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} [2\pi r M_r]_0^R = 0, \quad (\text{boundary conditions})$$

Simply Supported annular plate under uniformly distributed load of intensity  $q_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } r=b: \quad & M_{rr}=0, \quad (rQ_r)=0 \\ \text{At } r=a: \quad & w=0, \quad M_{rr}=0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^R \left\{ D \left[ \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{v}{r} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} + \frac{d^2 \bar{w}}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d\bar{w}}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right] + q \bar{w} \right\} r dr = 0$$

Substituting,  $\bar{w} = \delta w$

$$\int_0^R \left\{ D \left[ \frac{d^2 (\delta w)}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{v}{r} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \frac{d(\delta w)}{dr} + \frac{d^2 (\delta w)}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d(\delta w)}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right] \right\} r dr + \int_0^R q (\delta w) r dr = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B(\delta w, w) = \int_0^R \left\{ D \left[ \frac{d^2 (\delta w)}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + \frac{v}{r} \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \frac{d(\delta w)}{dr} + \frac{d^2 (\delta w)}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d(\delta w)}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right] \right\} r dr$$

$$\Rightarrow l(\delta w) = \int_0^R q (\delta w) r dr$$

$$B(\delta w, w) = B(w, \delta w)$$

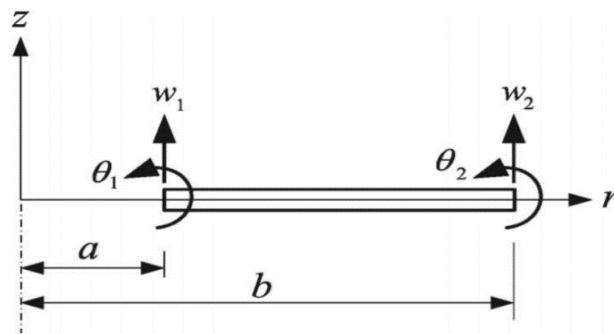
$\Rightarrow B(\delta w, w)$  is Bilinear and symmetric and  $l(\delta w)$  is linear

Hence by Variational principle,

$$\pi = \frac{1}{2} B(w, w) - l(w)$$

$$\pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^R D \left[ r \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} + v \left( \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} + \frac{dw}{dr} \frac{d^2 w}{dr^2} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right] dr - \int_0^R q w r dr$$

**Shape functions:**



Hermite Polynomials	N at r=a	$\frac{dN}{dr}$ at r=a	N at r=b	$\frac{dN}{dr}$ at r=b
$N_1(r) = \frac{(3a - b - 2r)(b - r)^2}{(a - b)^3}$	1	0	0	0
$N_2(r) = -\frac{(a - r)(b - r)^2}{(a - b)^2}$	0	1	0	0
$N_3(r) = \frac{(a - r)^2(a - 3b + 2r)}{(a - b)^3}$	0	0	1	0
$N_4(r) = -\frac{(a - r)^2(b - r)}{(a - b)^2}$	0	0	0	1



### **Deflections:**

$$w(r) = N(r) w_e = N_1(r)w_1 + N_2(r)\theta_1 + N_3(r)w_2 + N_4(r)\theta_2$$

$$\Rightarrow w = N w_e^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dw}{dr} = N' w_e^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2w}{dr^2} = N'' w_e^T$$

Substituting  $w(r)$  in  $B(w, w)$  and  $l(w)$  is,

$$B(w, w) = \int_a^b D \left[ r \frac{d^2w}{dr^2} \frac{d^2w}{dr^2} + v \left( \frac{d^2w}{dr^2} \frac{dw}{dr} + \frac{dw}{dr} \frac{d^2w}{dr^2} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dw}{dr} \frac{dw}{dr} \right] dr$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b D \left[ r(N'' w_e^T)(N'' w_e^T) + v((N'' w_e^T)(N' w_e^T) + (N' w_e^T)(N'' w_e^T)) + \frac{1}{r}(N' w_e^T)(N' w_e^T) \right] dr$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b D \left[ r(N''(N'')^T w_e^T w_e^T) + v(N''(N')^T w_e^T w_e^T + N'(N'')^T w_e^T w_e^T) + \frac{1}{r}(N'(N')^T w_e^T w_e^T) \right] dr$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b D \left[ r(N''N''^T w_e^T w_e^T) + v(N''N'^T w_e^T w_e^T + N'N''^T w_e^T w_e^T) + \frac{1}{r}(N'N'^T w_e^T w_e^T) \right] dr$$

$$B(w, w) = \int_a^b D \left[ rN''N''^T + v(N''N'^T + N'N''^T) + \frac{1}{r}(N'N'^T) \right] w_e^T w_e^T dr$$

$$l(w) = \int_a^b q_0 r w dr = \int_a^b q_0 r (N w_e^T) dr = \int_a^b q_0 r N w_e^T dr$$

$$\pi = \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ rN''N''^T + v(N''N'^T + N'N''^T) + \frac{1}{r}(N'N'^T) \right] w_e^T w_e^T dr - \int_a^b q_0 r N w_e^T dr$$

$$\pi = \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \left( \frac{w_e}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ rN''N''^T + v(N''N'^T + N'N''^T) + \frac{1}{r}(N'N'^T) \right] w_e^T dr - \int_a^b q_0 r N w_e^T dr \right)$$

## Principle of Minimum Potential Energy:

$$\delta\pi = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\pi}{dw_e} = 0, \text{ for every element}$$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dw_e} = \frac{d\left[w_e \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + v(N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] \right) w_e^T dr\right]}{dw_e} - \frac{d\left(\int_a^b q_0 r N dr w_e^T\right)}{dw_e}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{but, } & \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + v(N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] dr \right)^T \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + v(N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right]^T dr \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ r (N'' N''^T)^T + v(N'' N'^T + N' N''^T)^T + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T)^T \right] dr \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + v(N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] dr \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + v(N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] dr \right) \text{ is symmetric,}$$

and for  $\alpha = x^T A x$  when  $A$  is symmetric we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\alpha}{dx} &= 2x^T A \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d\pi}{dw_e} &= 0 = 2w_e \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + v(N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] dr \right) \\ &\quad - \int_a^b q_0 r N dr \frac{d(w_e^T)}{dw_e} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b q_0 r N dr = w_e \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + v(N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] dr$$

Applying transpose on both sides,

$$\Rightarrow \left( \int_a^b q_0 r N dr \right)^T = \left( w_e \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + \nu (N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] dr \right)^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b q_0 r N^T dr = \left( \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + \nu (N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] dr \right) w_e^T$$

Comparing above equation with  $F_e = K_e w_e$

$$\Rightarrow F_e = \int_a^b q_0 r N^T dr$$

$$\Rightarrow K_e = \int_a^b D \left[ r N'' N''^T + \nu (N'' N'^T + N' N''^T) + \frac{1}{r} (N' N'^T) \right] dr$$

The centre of the plate has been removed by considering a small inner radius to avoid a singular stiffness matrix as the stiffness matrix for an annular element includes an undefined logarithmic term if considered for a circular element.

### Analytical solution

The analytical solution for a annular circular plate subjected to uniform load  $q_0$  is taken from [2] is,

$$w(r) = \frac{q_0 R_o^4}{64D} \left\{ - \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R_o} \right)^4 \right] + \frac{2\alpha_1}{1+\nu} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R_o} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{4\alpha_2 \beta^2}{1-\nu} \log \left( \frac{r}{R_o} \right) \right\}$$

Where,

$R_i$  is the inner radius

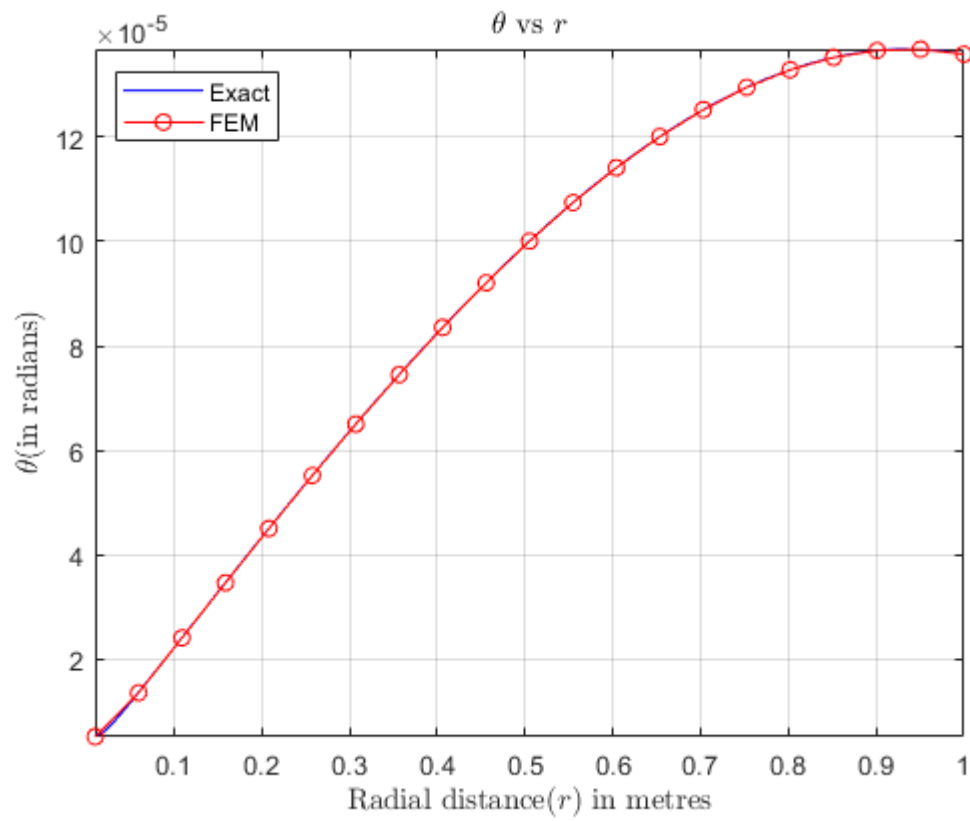
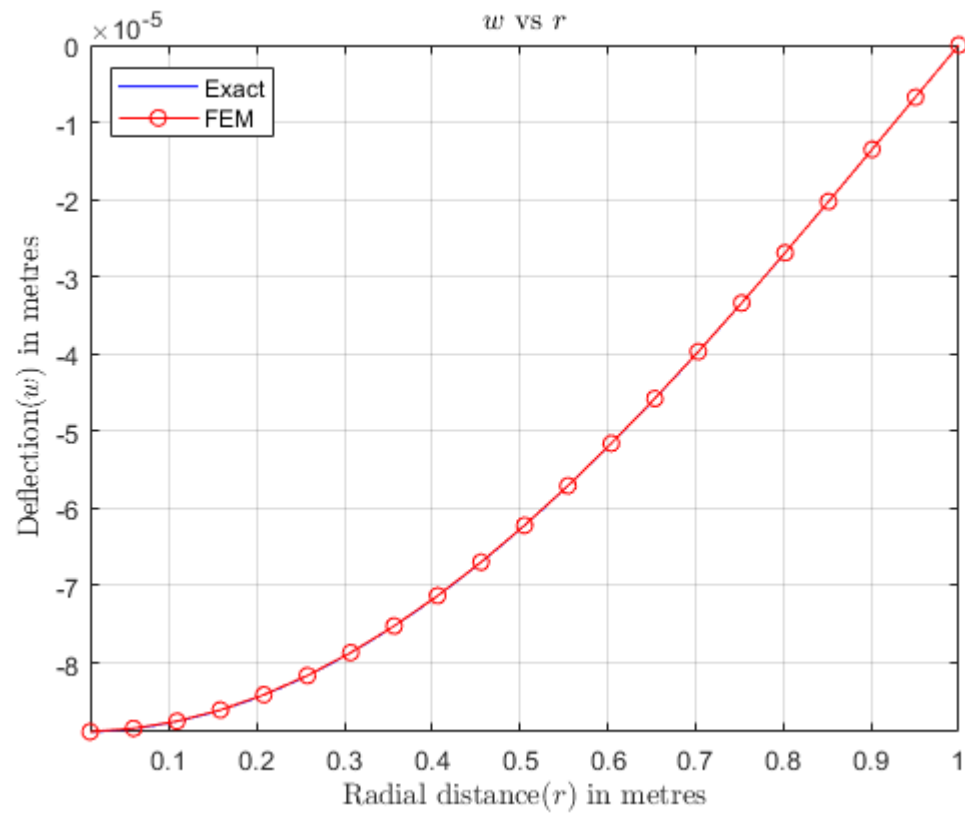
$R_o$  is the outer radius

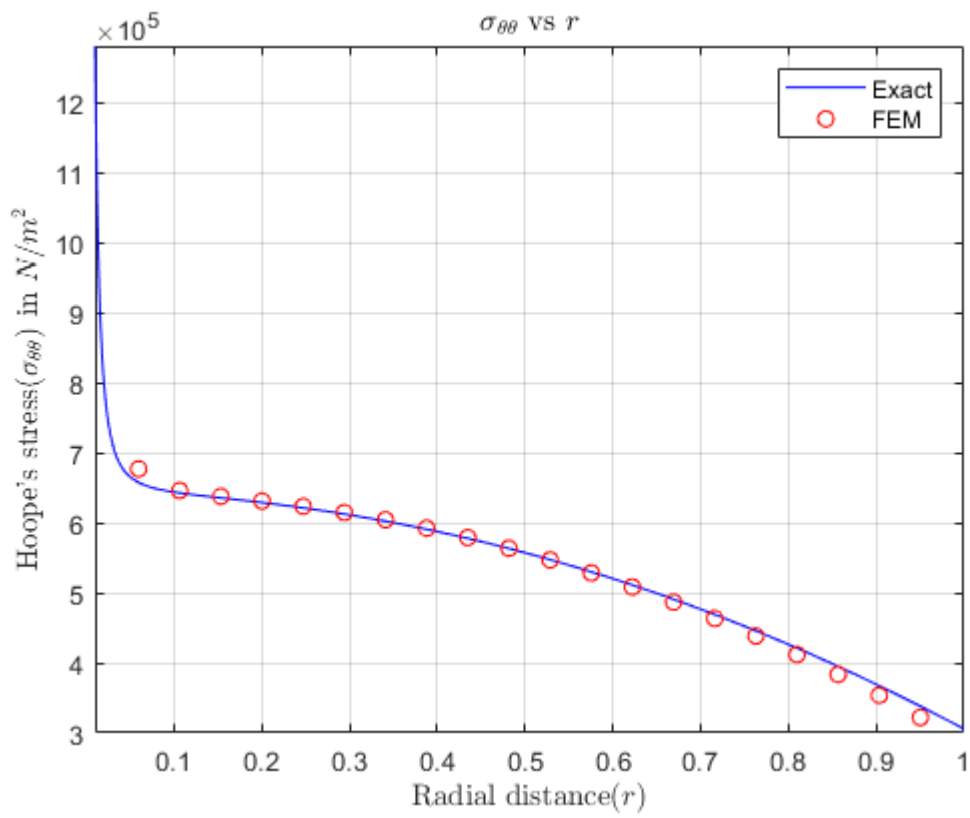
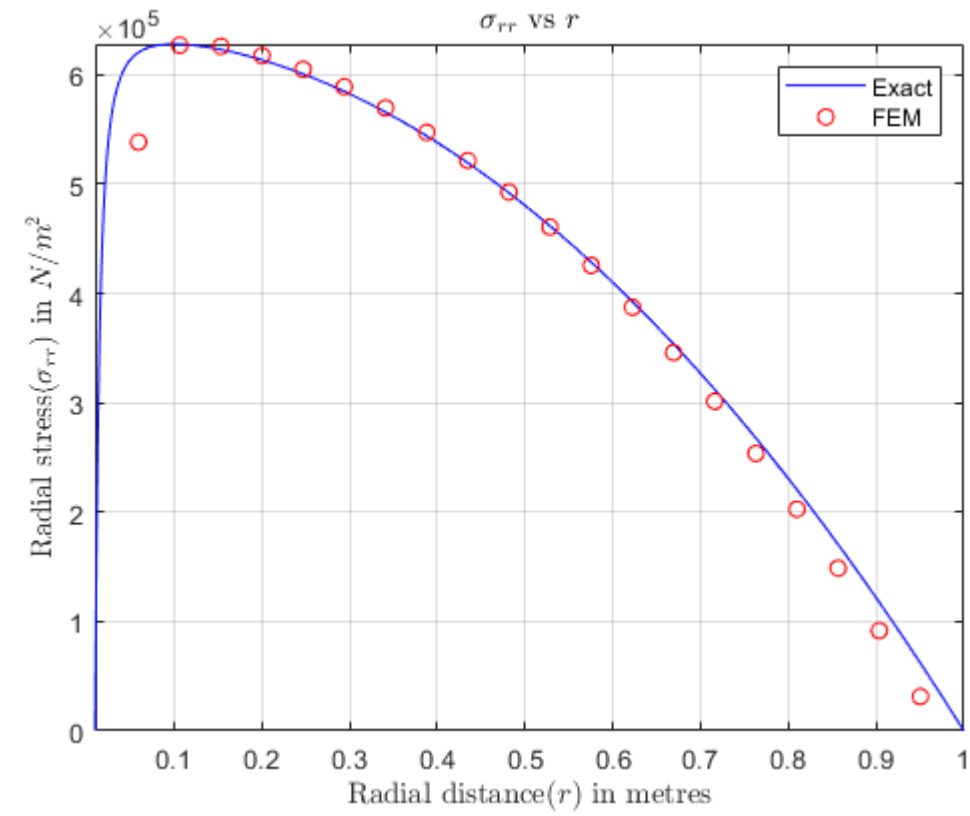
$$\alpha_1 = (3 + \nu)(1 - \beta^2) - 4(1 + \nu)\beta^2 \kappa$$

$$\alpha_2 = (3 + \nu) + 4(1 + \nu)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \beta^2} \log \beta, \quad \beta = \frac{R_i}{R_o}$$

## Plots and Outputs





# Outputs

deflections =

Dof	w
1.0000	-0.0001
3.0000	-0.0001
5.0000	-0.0001
7.0000	-0.0001
9.0000	-0.0001
11.0000	-0.0001
13.0000	-0.0001
15.0000	-0.0001
17.0000	-0.0001
19.0000	-0.0001
21.0000	-0.0001
23.0000	-0.0001
25.0000	-0.0001
27.0000	-0.0000
29.0000	-0.0000
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33.0000	-0.0000
35.0000	-0.0000
37.0000	-0.0000
39.0000	-0.0000
41.0000	0

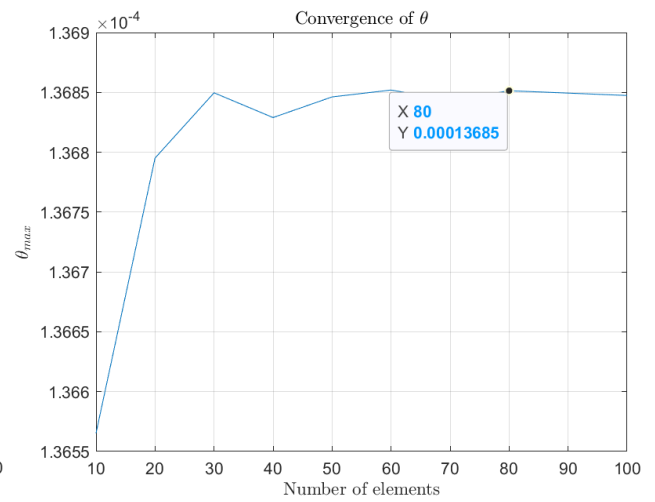
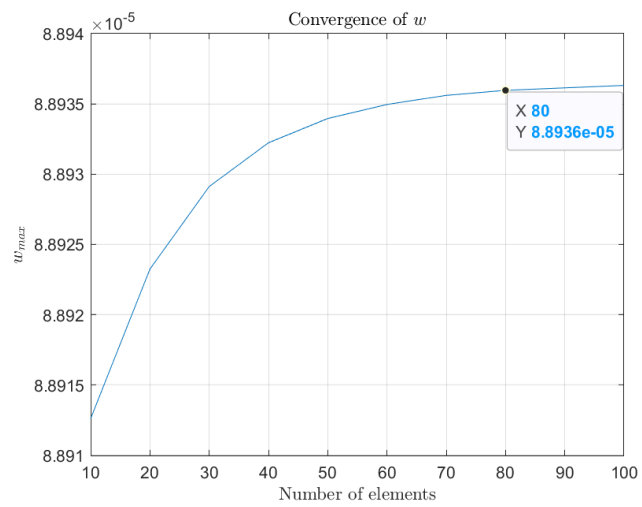
slopes =

Dof	$\theta$
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4.0000	0.0000
6.0000	0.0000
8.0000	0.0000
10.0000	0.0000
12.0000	0.0001
14.0000	0.0001
16.0000	0.0001
18.0000	0.0001
20.0000	0.0001
22.0000	0.0001
24.0000	0.0001
26.0000	0.0001
28.0000	0.0001
30.0000	0.0001
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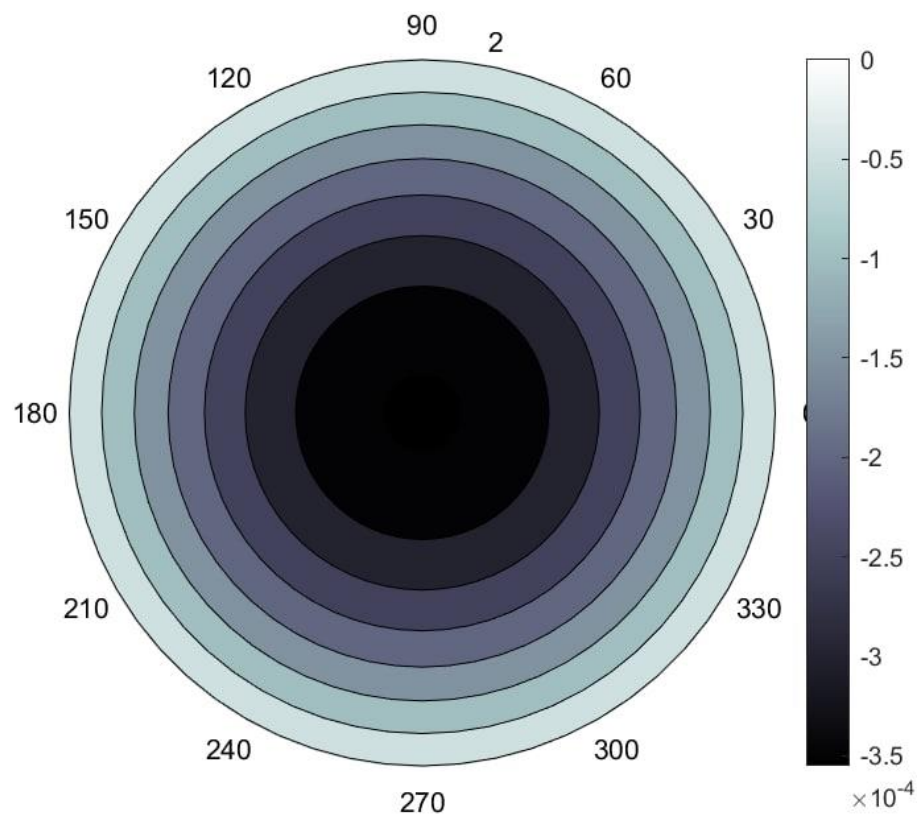
reactions =

Dof	R
41	661

### Convergence study:



### Contour plot of deflections:



### **Results and Discussions:**

- Accuracy of the finite-element model is first verified by comparing with the analytical solutions for static deflections of a circular plate presented in J.N.Reddy, “Theory and Analysis of Elastic Plates and Shells, 2nd Edition” and it was found that they agreed satisfactorily.
- A convergence study was done, and it was found that completely converged solutions for static deflections can be obtained by using a plate with more than 80 finite elements. But beyond 20 elements, the change in the maximum values of the deflection and theta are of the order  $10^{-7}$  and thus can be neglected. The number of elements required for satisfactory convergence will depend on the application and its demand for accuracy.

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